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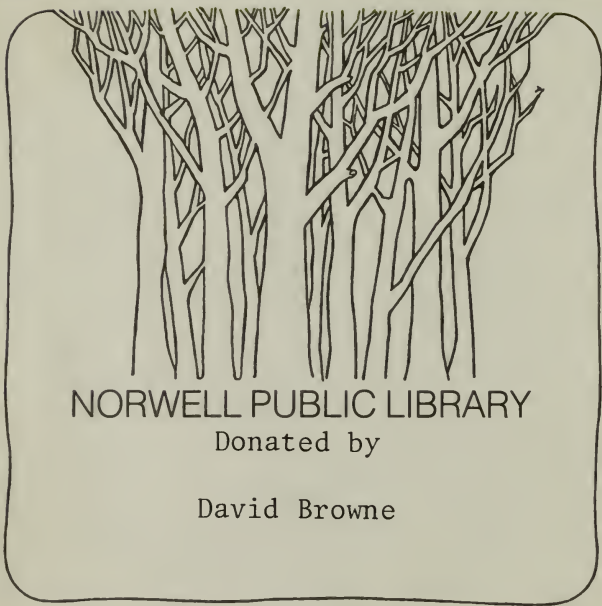
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Report of the Town Clerk.

At the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the town of Norwell, held March 6, 1905, the following action was taken on the several articles contained in the warrant :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Chose Alpheus Thomas, Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Chose Joseph F. Merritt, Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Voted, to accept the reports of the above named officers.

Article 4. To choose all such town officers as the laws of the State and the by-laws of the Town require.

The following officers were chosen by ballot.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor : Alpheus Thomas, Ezra E. Stetson, Ernest H. Sparrell.

Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Auditor, George Cushing.

Tree Warden, John Corthell.

School Committee for three years, Mrs. Mary E. Curtis.

Board of Health for three years, Clifton S. Deane.

Constables. Voted, to choose one constable at large and one from each ward : J. Warren Foster, at large ; Fred W. Capell, South ward ; Walter T. Osborn, East ward ; William E. Wilder, West ward.

Highway Surveyors, Walter Simmons, Francis E. Henderson, Emanuel P. Joseph.

Tax Collector, Andrew J. Litchfield.

Field Drivers. The Constables were chosen field drivers.

Fence Viewers. The Highway Surveyors were chosen fence viewers.

Cemetery Committee, Geo. W. Curtis, Joseph H. Curtis, Alpheus Thomas.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

The polls were opened at 11.45 a. m. and closed at 12.45 p. m.

Whole number of ballots cast 148, "Yes" 49, "No" 99.

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2000 for support of poor.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$500 for incidentals.

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$5250 for support of schools, to include incidentals, repairs, and shingling the Town Hall.

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$2500.

Article 9. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to be expended with a like amount to be allotted by the Massachusetts Highway Commission in the improvement of a portion of River street as per petition, under the provision of Sect. 17, of Chap. 47, of the Revised Laws?

Voted, to appropriate \$1500 for this purpose and hire the money for five years, and it was voted to authorize the Treasurer to hire the sum of \$1500 for five years and give the note of the town to secure the same.

Voted, that the Selectmen put the job out at contract and get the longest amount of road for the money.

Article 10. Will the town authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with said commission for the carrying out of said work in the above article.

Voted, that they be authorized to do so.

Article 11. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money to rebuild River street as laid out by the County Commissioners?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 12. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Voted, that 25 cents per hour be paid for removing snow and that the street railway excise tax be used as an appropriation.

Article 13. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Voted, that a discount of 2 per cent. be allowed in taxes paid on or before October 1st, that on all taxes not paid December 1st, interest be charged at the rate of 6 per cent. ; after April 1, 1906, the Collector shall issue summons and proceed to collect all unpaid taxes, and that the money shall be paid to the Treasurer or a deposit made by the Collector for all unpaid taxes on or before July 1, 1906.

Voted, that the Collector have the same powers in the collection of taxes that he would have if he were also town treasurer.

Voted, that the salary of the Collector be \$225.

Article 14. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the Selectmen?

Horace T. Fogg, George C. Turner and Frank W. Jones were appointed by the moderator a committee to revise the jury list and the revised list was accepted.

James L. Litchfield
Walter S. Briggs
Charles H. Dyer
Arthur F. Stoddard

George H. Turner
Nathan S. Turner
Lebbeus Leach
George H. Tisdale

L. Frank Hammond
 Francis E. Henderson
 Wallace H. Damon
 James Appleford
 Henry J. Tolman
 Arthur C. Jones
 Herbert E. Robbins
 B. Parker Nichols
 Joseph F. Merritt

Ernest L. Henderson
 Charles D. Barnard
 Joseph H. Corthell
 John Whalen
 William O. Prouty
 Henry F. Ford
 George H. Bates
 Cassuis C. Merritt

Article 15. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

It was voted by a majority of the legal voters present and voting, that the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the present municipal year, in anticipation of the collection of taxes, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, but not exceeding the total tax levy for said year, giving the notes of the town therefor, payable within eighteen months from the date thereof. All debts incurred under the authority of this vote shall be paid from the taxes of the present municipal year.

Article 16. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

The cemetery committee reported progress made in building receiving tomb.

Article 17. To make allowance to town creditors.

Voted, to allow James H. Barnard twenty-five cents an hour for time spent fighting fire near North River and also pay him for broom.

Article 18. What sum of money will the town appropriate for use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$100.

Article 19. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Voted, to appropriate \$2500.

Article 20. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools?

Voted, to appropriate \$250.

Article 21. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs of schoolhouses and incidentals?

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 22. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Voted, that a statement be printed.

Article 23. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street.

Voted, to raise and appropriate \$50. to be used in said cemetery.

Article 24. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1905.

Voted, to pass over this article.

Article 25. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Voted, to pay 20 cents per hour for labor, and to pay the Highway Surveyors \$2.50 a day.

Article 26. Will the town accept a legacy from James W. Sampson for the care of his lot in the cemetery at Norwell, near the Unitarian church, any part of the income from said legacy not used for the care of said lot to be used for the general improvement of said cemetery?

Voted, to accept the above named legacy.

Article 27. Will the town repair or fill up the well on Main street in front of the land of Albert J. Lovett?

Voted, that the well be repaired and put in proper condition by the Highway Surveyor in the East ward.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to give the deed of the town to Church Hill Cemetery Corporation, conveying the interest of the town in the land at Church Hill, known as the "Old Burying Ground," and described as follows: Beginning on Church street at

the north westerly corner of land of the Church Parsonage ; thence easterly by said Parsonage land ; thence southerly by by said Parsonage land and land of William Appleford to Church street ; thence by Church street to River street ; thence by River street and Common avenue to the land conveyed by the town of Norwell to Joshua R. Barker and others ; thence by said land to land of Eugene Stetson ; thence southerly and westerly by said land of Eugene Stetson to Church street ; thence by Church street to the point of beginning ?

Voted, that the matter be referred to a committee of three, composed of citizens from the South ward, to investigate and report at the next annual meeting. Committee, Ezra E. Stetson, Joshua R. Barker, Melvin Little.

Article 29. Will the town give any instruction to the town officers ?

Voted, to refer to Road Surveyors, the matter of gravel screens.

Voted, to instruct the Selectmen not to call a town caucus next year.

Voted, that the Highway Surveyors house road roller at the almshouse, cause the road machine to be painted once a year, and house other tools at their respective places.

Voted, that the Highway Surveyor in East ward keep a separate account of cost of repairs on State road.

Voted, that the Highway Surveyors make a detailed report of work done on each street, also work done by each man on each street.

Voted, that the Highway Surveyors act as a board and spend the money appropriated for highway repairs where in their judgment it is most needed.

Voted, that the Selectmen make a more complete report next February, also to give estimates and suggestions as to the needs of the town.

Voted, that the School Committee be instructed to do away with transportation during the months of May, June,

September and October, except in certain cases where in the judgment of the committee it seems necessary for the benefit of children at a distance from the schools, to make a mileage allowance.

Voted, that the School Committee hire no teacher without the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.

Voted, that the Secretary of School Committee be paid \$50; the other members not over \$25 each for their services the ensuing year.

Article 30. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Voted, that \$50 be appropriated for use of Tree Warden.

Voted, that all taxes be assessed on the polls and estates of residents and on the estates of non-residents.

The two fish rights were put up at public auction and were purchased by Charles S. Tilden, who gave \$5.50 for the first and \$5 for the second.

Voted, that the Moderator be paid \$5 for his services this day.

Voted, that this meeting be dissolved.

Attest :

JOSEPH F. MERRITT,

Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION.

Pursuant to a warrant, duly executed, the qualified voters of the town of Norwell, met at the Town Hall, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1905. The polls were opened at 6 a. m. and closed at 12 m. The whole number of ballots cast was 148, and on being counted in open meeting were found to be for the following persons :

GOVERNOR.

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----|
| Charles W. Bartlett, Democratic | 54 |
| James F. Carey, Socialist | 1 |
| William H. Carroll, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Curtis Guild, Jr., Republican | 87 |
| Willard O. Wylie, Prohibition | 2 |
| Blanks | 4 |

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

| | |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Thomos F. Brennan, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Eben S. Draper, Republican | 83 |
| Patrick Mahoney, Socialist | 0 |
| John H. Smith, Prohibition | 1 |
| Henry M. Whitney, Democratic | 58 |
| Blanks | 6 |

SECRETARY.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Charles C. Hitchcock, Socialist | 0 |
| Jonathan S. Lewis, Prohibition | 3 |
| Henry B. Little, Democratic | 37 |
| William M. Olin, Republican | 95 |
| Moritz E. Ruther, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Blanks | 13 |

TREASURER.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----|
| Christopher D. Aibro, Prohibition | 3 |
| David S. Brodeur, Socialist | 0 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, Republican | 99 |
| Joao Claudino, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Daniel F. Doherty, Democratic | 32 |
| Blanks | 1 |

AUDITOR.

| | |
|---|----|
| Patrick J. Ashe, Democratic | 33 |
| Herbert B. Griffin, Prohibition | 3 |
| E. O. Frederik Hansson, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| Ambrose Miles, Socialist | 0 |
| Henry E. Turner, Republican | 97 |
| Blanks | 15 |

ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

| | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| Allen Coffin, Prohibition | 4 |
| Henry C. Hess, Socialist Labor | 0 |
| John P. Leahy, Democratic | 34 |
| Dana Malone, Republican | 95 |
| John Weaver Sherman, Socialist | 1 |
| Blanks | 14 |

COUNCILLOR—(FIRST DISTRICT.)

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| David G. Pratt, Republican | 103 |
| Joseph R. Smith, Socialist | 5 |
| Blanks | 40 |

SENATOR—(FIRST PLYMOUTH DISTRICT).

| | |
|----------------------------------|----|
| William Seward Kyle, Republican | 92 |
| Henry N. Magoun, Democratic | 36 |
| George W. Severance, Prohibition | 6 |
| Flavel S. Thomas, Socialist | 2 |
| Blanks | 12 |

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT.

(SECOND PLYMOUTH DISTRICT).

| | |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Joseph Sherman, Republican | 112 |
| Blanks | 36 |

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—(PLYMOUTH)

| | |
|------------------------------|----|
| Jere B. Howard, Republican | 96 |
| John Mann, Socialist | 2 |
| Nathaniel Morton, Democratic | 37 |
| Blanks | 13 |

CLERKS' CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Town Clerks of the towns comprising the Second Plymouth Representative District held Nov. 17, 1905, at the clerks' office in Marshfield, the vote for representative in the district was found to be as follows :

| | |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Whole number of ballots | 920 |
| Joseph Sherman | 717 |
| John Cummings | 1 |
| Blanks | 202 |

Joseph Sherman, having a plurality of votes, was declared to be elected and his certificate made out in accordance therewith.

REGISTERED VOTERS.

At the close of registration, Oct. 28, 1905, there were 375 male and 3 female voters on the list.

ENROLLED MILITIA.

Number of men enrolled for military duty 232.

DOGS LICENSED.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Dec. 1, 1905, was as follows:

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| 144 male dogs at \$2 | \$288 00 | |
| 19 female dogs at \$5 | 95 00 | |
| 1 special breeder's license at \$25 | 25 00 | |
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| | | \$408 00 |
| Less clerk's fees, 164 licenses at 20 cents | | 32 80 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Amount turned over to County Treasurer | | \$375 20 |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING
THE YEAR 1905.

- June 29 At North Abington, Everett Eaton Corthell, of Norwell and Effie Loraine Sumner of North Abington, by Rev. DeMont Goodyear.
- July 2 At Cohasset, Harold Geleff Molin of Brockton and Edith Maria Osborne of Norwell, by Rev. Frank B. McAllister.
- July 22 At Hanover, Jacob Shaw of Weymouth and Annie E. Richardson of Norwell, by Rev. Melvin S. Nash.
- Aug. 27 At Weymouth, William A. Stoddard of Norwell and Ella F. Sanders of Abington, by Rev. Harry W. Kimball.
- Oct. 4 At Randolph, Frank Willard Damon of Norwell and Pearl Laurel Leighton of Rockland, by Rev. Manley B. Townsend.

- Nov. 29 At Rockland, James Frederick Crook of Rockland and Nellie Aloysia Shehan of Norwell, by Rev. James H. O'Neil.
- Dec. 18 At Waltham, B. Franklin B. Wright and Anna Foster Joseph, both of Norwell, by Rev. Frederick B. Greul.
- Dec. 27 At Hingham, Arthur Howard Sprague of Hingham and Grace Alatheia Farrar of Norwell, by Rev. Charles E. Park.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1905

| DATE OF BIRTH | NAME OF CHILD | NAME OF PARENTS | MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1905 | | | |
| January 6 | Ellen G. White..... | Patrick and Ella..... | Pratt |
| 7 | Norma Lincoln Wilder..... | George H. and Alice F..... | Vining |
| March 17 | Ethel Henderson..... | Harry and Edna..... | Clapp |
| 31 | Harry Milton Beach..... | Alden and Rachael..... | Winslow |
| April 14 | Edward Maxwell Sexton..... | William E. and Catherine..... | Morris |
| May 4 | Lawrence Cushing Sylvester..... | Alonzo C. and Harriet..... | Cromwell |
| 5 | Everett Clark Magon..... | William E. and Catherine..... | McLeod |
| July 12 | Paul Revere Hatch..... | George S. and Anna..... | Berger |
| 23 | Harold Austin Thomas..... | Stephen and Anna M..... | Gunderway |
| 26 | Emily Blanchard Simmons..... | Charles E. and Elizabeth A..... | Chandler |
| August 28 | Harold Dean Fessenden..... | James and Mehitable..... | Smith |
| 3 | Harold Francis Brouters..... | Luke and Abbie..... | Healey |
| 6 | Priscilla May Newcomb..... | Horace and Ethel..... | Carr |
| 13 | Lyle Lothrop Gay..... | Calvin E. and Jessie M..... | Stoddard |
| 20 | Katherine Ross Harris..... | Charles A. and Mary E..... | Ross |
| 25 | Laura Isabel Griffin..... | Joseph H. and Annie..... | MacDonald |
| 31 | Elsie Barnard..... | James H. and Emeline..... | Burage |
| September 7 | Lydia Esther Prince..... | John and Mary..... | Primus |
| October 9 | Joseph Foster Merritt, Jr..... | Joseph F. and Alice G..... | Church |
| 1903 | | | |
| October 11 | Charles Lawrence Smith..... | Charles H. and Josephine J..... | Barden |
| 1904 | | | |
| February 5 | Stillborn..... | George A. and Mercy C..... | Brown |
| May 22 | Katherine Turner..... | Ernest L. and Jennie..... | Chapman |
| December 24 | Stillborn..... | Charles H. and Josephine J..... | Barden |
| August 1 | Horace Fogg Henderson..... | | |
| December 7 | Beulah Jeannette Smith..... | | |

The Town Clerk hereby gives notice that he is prepared to furnish to parents, householders, physicians and midwives applying therefor blanks for returns of births, as required by law.

DEATHS RECORDED IN NORWELL DURING THE YEAR 1905

18

| DATE | NAME | AGE | | CAUSE OF DEATH | BIRTHPLACE | PLACE OF DEATH |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----|----|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | Y. | D. | | | |
| January 13 | Ann Jane Spellman (Killen).... | 73 | 8 | Pneumonia..... | Ireland..... | Norwell |
| 25 | Wilbur F. Beale..... | 69 | 2 | Prostatic disease... [heart | Hingham..... | " |
| 30 | Elizabeth T. Tolman (Hatch)... | 60 | 11 | Pneumonia, val. disease of | Marshfield.... | " |
| February 6 | George E. Ainslie..... | 74 | .. | Pneumonia, val. disease of | Nova Scotia... | " |
| 7 | Ellen G. White..... | .. | 1 | Bronchitis..... [heart | Norwell..... | " |
| 10 | Clarissa Robbins..... | 91 | 8 | Bronchitis..... | Scituate..... | " |
| March 1 | Vadilla Ann Gardner..... | 22 | 2 | Bright's disease..... | Hingham..... | " |
| April 1 | Charles H. Farrar..... | 82 | 9 | Cerebral hemorrhage..... | Scituate..... | " |
| 3 | Elizabeth Litchfield (Ellms).... | 80 | 1 | Cerebral thrombosis..... | Scituate..... | " |
| 11 | Charles H. Tolman..... | 74 | .. | Organic dementia..... | Scituate..... | Westborough |
| May 11 | Angeline V. Rogers..... | 73 | .. | Cancer of stomach..... | Scituate..... | Norwell |
| 27 | Mary T. S. Turner (Sparrell)... | 78 | 4 | Tuberculosis of lungs.... | Scituate..... | " |
| 30 | Eveline Torrey (Bowker)..... | 84 | .. | Bronchitis and fall..... | Boston..... | " |
| June 20 | Sarah H. Stockbridge (Turner)... | 87 | 7 | Natural causes..... | Scituate..... | " |
| 3 | Edward B. Jones..... | 33 | 9 | Pyelitis..... | South Scituate. | Brockton |
| July 26 | John W. Penniman..... | 87 | 6 | Old age..... | Hingham..... | Norwell; |
| August 5 | Anna M. Thomas (Gunderway) | 32 | .. | Antepartum hemorrhage.. | South Scituate. | " |
| September 4 | Simeon Damon..... | 74 | 2 | Enterocolitis..... | Scituate..... | " |
| November 21 | M. Augusta Robbins (Ewell)..... | 71 | 5 | Pleurisy..... | Pembroke..... | " |
| December 21 | William R. Smith..... | 66 | .. | Senile dementia and cere- [bral hemorrhage | Prince Edward [Island | " |

Number of marriages, 8. Number of births, 25. Number of deaths, 20.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. MERRITT, Town Clerk.

Report of the Town Treasurer

Horace T. Fogg, treasurer, in account with town of Norwell.

DR.

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| To cash on hand January 19, 1905 | \$3,517 27 |
| Dog tax 1904 refunded | 316 55 |
| Income Massachusetts school fund | 1,303 89 |
| Refunded by Commonwealth : | |
| Corporation tax | 2,671 74 |
| National Bank tax | 902 27 |
| Inspection of Animals | 15 50 |
| Education of Children | 136 00 |
| State Aid | 2,254 00 |
| Street Railway tax | 137 93 |
| Tuition of children in small towns | 300 00 |
| State board of Education | 467 16 |
| Indigent and neglected children | 15 00 |
| State Highway | 880 00 |
| Refunded by Towns : | |
| Town of Whitman, aid | 37 50 |
| Town of Holbrook, aid | 193 38 |
| Town of Cohasset, aid | 10 00 |
| Town of Duxbury, aid | 21 00 |
| Town of Scituate, aid | 56 00 |
| Town of Marshfield, aid | 92 75 |
| Town of Canton, aid | 156 00 |
| Town of Hull, aid | 41 00 |

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| Town of Rockland tuition | \$83 00 |
| Personal aid refunded | 71 00 |
| Error on order refunded | 4 40 |
| Charles S. Tilden, fish rights | 10 50 |
| Estate of Angeline S. Rogers | 9 50 |
| Charles A. Litchfield, auctioneer's license | 1 00 |
| James H. Pinkham, auctioneer's license | 1 00 |
| Harry S. Merritt, pool room license | 2 00 |
| Otis H. Perry, pool room license | 2 00 |
| L. W. Osborn, pool room and bowling alley license | 6 00 |
| Charles H. Wilder, butcher's license | 1 00 |
| Charles L. Gleason, pedler's license | 6 00 |
| John Monahan, pedler's license | 3 00 |
| Sale of lots in cemetery | 30 00 |
| James H. Pinkham, superintendent of almshouse | 226 59 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion notes | 3,500 00 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, highway loan | 1,500 00 |
| Interest on temporary deposit | 50 55 |
| A. J. Litchfield, collector, balance of 1904 assessment | 3,271 08 |
| A. J. Litchfield, collector, interest on 1904 taxes | 42 39 |
| A. J. Litchfield, collector, 1905 assess- ment | 10,349 73 |
| A. J. Litchfield, collector, interest on 1905 taxes | 58 26 |
| A. J. Litchfield, collector, Excise tax 1905 | 213 97 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$32,967 91 |

CR.

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| By cash paid on orders of Selectmen and School Committee | \$21,612 10 |
| Post 112, G. A. R., by vote of town | 100 00 |
| Alpheus Thomas, Moderator by vote of town | 5 00 |
| Police officers Second District Court | 80 93 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion notes 1904 | 2,000 00 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, interest 1904 notes | 53 34 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, anticipa- tion notes 1905 | 3,500 00 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on 1905 notes | 68 70 |
| South Scituate Savings Bank, interest on time loan | 182 50 |
| Interest on A. T. Otis poor fund note | 52 00 |
| Interest on Coffin poor fund note | 80 00 |
| F. W. Varney, collector, Scituate tax | 5 89 |
| Albert Davis, treasurer, County tax | 1,687 43 |
| Arthur B. Chapin, treasurer, State tax | 1,560 00 |
| Cash on hand to balance | 1,980 02 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$32,967 91 |

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE T. FOGG,
Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Report.

Andrew J. Litchfield in account with the town of Norwell :

DR.

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| To outstanding taxes of 1904 | \$3,271 08 |
|------------------------------|------------|

CR.

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|---|------------|
| By cash paid treasurer | \$2,636 76 |
| By cash deposited with treasurer to re- lieve bondsmen | 634 32 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,271 08 |

DR.

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| To assessment of 1905 | \$13,887 19 |
| To excise tax of 1905 | 213 97 |
| To interest collected on taxes | 58 26 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14,159 42 |

CR.

| | |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| By cash paid treasurer | \$10,349 73 |
| By excise tax paid treasurer | 213 97 |
| By interest paid treasurer | 58 26 |

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| By discount on taxes | \$142 54 |
| 1905 taxes outstanding | 3,394 92 |

\$14,159 42

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. LITCHFIELD,
Collector.

TAXES ABATED.

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| Walter L. Boynton | \$2 00 |
| Lucy Gunderway Estate | 5 36 |
| Stanley Griffin | 2 00 |
| George Ainslie | 2 00 |
| David H. Bates | 3 20 |
| Alden Beach | 2 00 |
| David Griffith | 7 60 |
| Harry N. Marden | 3 44 |
| Arthur Marden | 2 00 |
| Ashburton W. Pinson | 8 00 |
| L. C. Sylvester Estate | 08 |
| W. J. Gorrie | 2 00 |
| Alden Briggs | 08 |
| H. Melissa Cushing | 08 |
| Isabella Farrar | 80 |
| Joseph Thompson | 08 |
| Sophia Turner | 08 |
| Robert Gray | 2 00 |
| James H. Barnard | 80 |
| Frederick Jones | 2 00 |
| James W. Smith | 2 00 |
| William A. Knight | 2 00 |
| Herbert G. Simmons | 64 |

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Celia Wilder | \$ 80 |
| Benjamin Briggs | 12 80 |
| Henry Bates | 2 00 |
| Laban Bates | 2 40 |
| George A. Jackman | 2 00 |
| Charles E. McPherson | 2 00 |
| Joseph Meyers | 3 20 |
| Bernard Randall | 2 00 |
| James H. Costello | 2 00 |
| Edward C. Jordan | 2 48 |
| Emery Winslow | 2 00 |
| Anthony Collamore Heirs | 08 |
| Joshua Studley | 08 |
| Michael Sylvester Heirs | 08 |
| Charles David | 3 60 |
| J. H. Whitman | 08 |
| J. H. Crocker | 2 00 |
| Henry A. Pratt | 2 00 |
| Edward B. Young | 2 00 |
| Arthur L. Pratt | 2 64 |
| Edward B. Jones | 2 00 |

\$98 48

Assessors' Report.

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| Value of buildings | \$465,643 00 |
| Value of land | 229,547 00 |
| Value of personal property | 164,489 00 |
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| | \$859,679 00 |

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| State tax | \$1,560 00 |
| County tax | 1,687 43 |
| Town tax | 10,400 00 |
| Over-layings | 239 76 |
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| Total tax | \$13,887 19 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Street railway excise tax | \$213 97 |
| Assessors' warrant to collector | 13,887 19 |
| Rate of taxation, per thousand | 15 00 |

Number of polls assessed, 496.

Paying poll tax only, 170.

Horses assessed, 367.

Cows assessed, 218.

Sheep assessed, 36.

Swine assessed, 51.

Fowl assessed, 6,297.

Number of dwelling houses assessed, 456.

Number of acres of land assessed, 12,015.

Report of Overseers of the Poor.

ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Articles on hand, Jan. 1, 1905 | \$421 00 |
| J. H. Pinkham, salary | 300 00 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | 86 54 |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 121 07 |
| A. A. Page, fish | 2 98 |
| Seth Foster, wood | 21 00 |
| J. H. Sparrell, carting | 6 00 |
| Geo. F. Welch, supplies | 14 73 |
| Geo. F. Welch, 11 tons coal | 74 25 |
| Samuel Olsen, fish | 18 28 |
| Turner Bros., seed | 4 35 |
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial of Angeline Rogers | 25 00 |
| E. A. Jacobs, work on town farm | 4 00 |
| A. L. Power, pigs | 16 00 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, grain | 132 10 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | 34 55 |
| Eveline Torrey, hay | 9 92 |
| W. W. Cutler, provisions | 31 02 |
| Wm. R. Vinal, cow | 40 00 |
| J. H. Pinkham, clothing for E. Fernald | 2 00 |
| J. J. Estes, druggist, truss for C. Lincoln | 4 50 |
| Geo. H. Turner, fertilizer | 35 00 |
| Frank Thomas, stock service | 2 00 |
| John Monohan, dry goods | 15 73 |

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| C. W. Tilden, smith work | \$13 20 |
| H. J. Little, M. D., attendance | 12 00 |
| Corthell Bros., provisions | 54 18 |
| J. H. Pinkham, articles bought for cash | 62 16 |
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| | \$1,563 56 |

JAMES H. PINKHAM ACCOUNT.

Dr.

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|----------------------------|----------|
| Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1905, | \$1 20 |
| Articles sold | 287 55 |
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| | \$288 75 |

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| Bought for cash | \$62 16 |
| Cash paid to treasurer | 226 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$288 75 |

ALMSHOUSE RECEIPTS.

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Cash on hand | \$1 20 |
| Milk | 101 82 |
| Eggs | 26 54 |
| Fertilizer | 1 50 |
| Mowing for Amos Tilden | 1 13 |
| Fowl | 7 35 |
| Half hog to I. A. Lincoln | 11 48 |

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| Dressed hog to Corthell Bros. | \$21 42 |
| Cow to Chas Brewster | 20 00 |
| Hay to C. W. Sparrell | 10 96 |
| Vegetables to E. A. Turner | 7 17 |
| 3 calves to Corthell Bros. | 20 38 |
| Vegetables | 57 80 |

\$288 75

ARTICLES ON HAND DEC. 31, 1905.

| | |
|-----------|---------|
| One horse | \$40 00 |
| Fowl | 25 00 |
| Two cows | 75 00 |
| Manure | 25 00 |
| Hay | 60 00 |
| Lumber | 10 00 |
| Potatoes | 10 00 |
| Onions | 3 00 |
| Turnips | 2 50 |
| Beans | 4 00 |
| Cabbage | 2 00 |
| Mangels | 8 00 |
| Carrots | 20 00 |
| Wood | 20 00 |
| Groceries | 12 00 |
| Pumpkins | 1 00 |
| Squash | 1 00 |
| Coal | 60 00 |
| Pork | 10 00 |

\$388 50

SUMMARY OF ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

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|--------------------|------------|
| Total expenditures | \$1,563 56 |
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ALMSHOUSE CREDITS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Articles sold | \$288 75 |
| Articles on hand Dec. 31, 1905 | 388 50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$677 25 |
| Net cost of Almshouse including 10 tramps | \$886 31 |

OUT-DOOR POOR.

David Griffith and Wife.

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| W. D. Turner, wood | \$23 50 |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 3 50 |
| G. F. Welch, coal | 21 75 |
| W. O. Merritt, wood | 3 50 |
| South Scituate bank interest | 18 00 |
| Mary Phillips, labor | 1 20 |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 5 67 |
| E. M. Sexton, milk | 21 90 |
| G. H. Turner, wood | 6 00 |
| John Monahan, dry goods | 9 09 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son | 75 43 |
| Corthell Bros., meat | 26 59 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$216 13 |

Sarah A. Studley.

| | | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Cash | \$52 00 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 31 00 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | | \$83 00 |

George Litchfield.

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Thomas Howe, supplies | \$20 00 |
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James H. Costello, Wife and Five Children.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| F. E. Henderson, wood | \$5 00 | |
| C. L. Howe, M. D. | 65 00 | |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | 44 00 | |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | 32 00 | |
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| | | \$146 00 |

Mrs. Wallace Chappel.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid town of Hingham | \$122 40 |
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Henry W. Winslow and Family.

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|
| A. L. Ford, supplies | \$3 13 | |
| John Monahan, dry goods | 2 63 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 59 50 | |
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| | | \$65 26 |

Calvin Talbot.

| | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| J. C. Crowell, Jr., nursing | \$54 00 |
| Rhoda Winslow, board | 21 00 |

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|-------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| F. W. Bowker, clothing | 3 45 | |
| Town of Hanover, medical attendance | 61 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$139 95 |

Anna M. Thomas.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, burial | \$25 00 |
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Alonzo C. Sylvester.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$23 00 |
|---------------------|---------|

Mary A. Gardner.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| John S. Brooks, supplies | \$55 69 | |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 43 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$99 19 |

Arthur G. Lincoln.

| | | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Town of Hanover, supplies | \$11 50 | |
| E. E. Stetson | 4 87 | |
| | <hr/> | \$16 37 |

E. F. Ainslie and Family.

| | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Paid town of Hanover | \$147 04 |
|----------------------|----------|

Henry Gunderway.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Paid town of Hanover | \$37 75 |
|----------------------|---------|

E. E. Gunderway.

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$52 00 |
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Benjamin Briggs and Family.

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$78 00 |
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L. Cromwell.

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|---------------------|--------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$4 50 |
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Albert Winslow.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$1 00 |
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Eveline Cromwell.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$3 50 |
|---------------------|--------|

Grace E. Studley.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| Paid city of Boston | \$31 43 |
|---------------------|---------|

**AID TO PERSONS HAVING SETTLEMENT IN
OTHER TOWNS.**

Chester Taylor, Scituate

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | \$38 00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

Bernard Randall, Duxbury

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | \$10 00 |
|------------------------------|---------|

Josiah W. Chamberlain, Holbrook.

| | | |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Phillips, Bates & Co, coal | \$19 13 | |
| M. Little, supplies | 104 00 | |
| F. E. Henderson, wood | 3 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$126 13 |

Laban Bates, Hull.

| | | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| Curtis & Bates, supplies | \$9 00 | |
| H. S. Turner & Co. | 9 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$18 00 |

George A. Jackman, Lynn.

| | | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$20 00 | |
| Curtis & Bates | 4 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$24 00 |

C. E. McPherson, Canton.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | \$156 00 |
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Josephine Keen, Pembroke.

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|---------------------------|--------|
| H. E. Fairbanks, supplies | \$3 00 |
|---------------------------|--------|

William Sears, Plymouth.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| H. J. Little, M. D. | \$1 50 |
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| Due from Scituate, board of E. Fernald at Almshouse | \$43 50 |
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SUMMARY OF POOR ACCOUNT.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total amount paid for out-door poor | \$1,688 15 | |
| Net cost of Almhouse | 886 31 | |
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| | | \$2,574 46 |
| Due from other towns | | 420 13 |
| | | <hr/> |
| Net cash of poor | | \$2,154 33 |

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
 EZRA E. STETSON,
 ERNEST H. SPARRELL,
 Overseers of the Poor.

Removing Snow.

WEST WARD.

| | |
|--------------------|---------|
| W. S. Briggs | \$14 62 |
| Benjamin Loring | 30 00 |
| William F. Pratt | 5 00 |
| Charles H. Baker | 5 00 |
| Albion Damon | 5 25 |
| William Osborn | 2 00 |
| H. Howard | 4 25 |
| Henry Maine | 1 00 |
| John Osborn | 2 00 |
| F. Jones | 3 13 |
| Walter Simmons | 36 50 |
| Frank Damon | 2 19 |
| William Damon | 4 25 |
| E. A. Damon | 4 25 |
| Charles Cutler | 4 50 |
| Wallace Hackett | 31 50 |
| C. Brett | 1 25 |
| George Vinal | 5 00 |
| Joseph Totman | 2 37 |
| Frank Richardson | 3 00 |
| Leonard Richardson | 3 00 |
| Nelson Osborn | 3 00 |
| Frank Osborn | 4 50 |
| Harold Osborn | 3 00 |
| Henry Leavitt | 3 25 |
| Robert Leavitt | 3 25 |

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|---------------------|--------|
| Lyman Lincoln | \$4 62 |
| A. A. Vinal | 2 50 |
| Patrick Gammon | 2 00 |
| Gardner Prescott | 1 87 |
| H. Newcomb | 3 50 |
| G. H. Bates | 4 62 |
| Archie F. Merritt | 1 00 |
| Alpheus Thomas | 3 25 |
| A. W. Thomas | 4 62 |
| Charles Scully | 1 50 |
| Bernard Scully | 3 00 |
| H. F. Penniman | 3 50 |
| E. L. Loring | 2 25 |
| Joseph Griffin | 1 50 |
| George Farrar | 2 00 |
| Peter Sheenan | 3 75 |
| Andrew Clapp | 2 00 |
| Joshua Freeman | 2 00 |
| Alvin Baker | 2 00 |
| Chester Whiting | 1 75 |
| Joseph Sharks | 2 50 |
| H. F. Mann | 50 |
| W. H. Farrar | 2 00 |
| A. J. Parr | 2 00 |
| William E. Magoun | 1 00 |
| William Loring | 1 50 |
| B. B. Poole | 1 25 |
| Carlton Pinson | 1 50 |
| William Lapham | 2 44 |
| Simeon Damon | 62 |
| O. D. Burhoff | 2 00 |
| A. Damon | 2 87 |
| Wallace H. Damon | 2 50 |
| Charles E. Brewster | 18 75 |
| Edwin C. Briggs | 1 75 |

 \$283 47

SOUTH WARD.

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| E. A. Jacobs | \$55 50 |
| John H. Sparrell | 17 25 |
| Harold Sexton | 4 50 |
| N. Frank Studley | 9 75 |
| Lorenzo Cromwell | 7 50 |
| Alexander Black | 8 25 |
| E. F. Freeman | 7 50 |
| Allen P. Merritt | 4 75 |
| James Smith | 5 50 |
| George E. Sylvester | 8 25 |
| Edgar E. Lee | 7 25 |
| George Lee | 7 25 |
| Richard Winslow | 9 50 |
| Henry Gunderway | 4 00 |
| Robert Smith | 4 50 |
| Charles Smith | 3 25 |
| Clarence Winslow | 69 |
| Jesse Winslow | 69 |
| T. Appleford | 8 37 |
| Charles Appleford | 45 |
| Elmer Henderson | 2 00 |
| Walter Smith | 38 |
| Malcolm Howland | 13 |
| John Appleford | 1 75 |
| Charles Simmons | 3 00 |
| John Weaver | 1 25 |
| W. C. Barnard | 4 75 |
| James Winslow | 50 |
| Harry Snowdale | 50 |
| Francis E. Henderson | 58 00 |
| E. P. Joseph | 13 50 |
| Alonzo C. Sylvester | 2 25 |
| George Prince | 5 50 |
| L. F. Hammond | 4 25 |

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Charles Hammond | \$4 25 |
| Will Sexton | 6 50 |
| Harry Merritt | 2 25 |
| Fred Kidder | 1 00 |
| Harry Perry | 2 25 |
| Ernest Merritt | 2 25 |
| Charles Gardner | 2 00 |
| Harold E. Stetson | 2 38 |
| I. D. Chenevert | 75 |
| Dan Chenevert | 75 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, shovels | 1 50 |

\$298 34

EAST WARD.

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Herbert Litchfield | \$2 00 |
| Caleb Litchfield | 2 00 |
| Carl Litchfield | 2 00 |
| Harry Brown | 2 00 |
| Harry P. Henderson | 2 87 |
| Clarence C. Hook | 2 37 |
| Alvin Spencer | 82 |
| Ernest L. Merritt | 1 50 |
| Howard Delano | 3 87 |
| Fred Delano | 90 |
| Elwin Tilden | 2 25 |
| Amos H. Tilden | 9 25 |
| Ernest L. Henderson | 9 25 |
| Howard Brooks | 2 50 |
| Clarence E. Joseph | 1 80 |
| William Leslie | 60 |
| John E. Leslie | 2 00 |
| Arthur Carr | 2 50 |

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|----------------------|--------|
| William J. Henderson | \$3 87 |
| Carlton Litchfield | 6 87 |
| Claude Ainslie | 1 00 |
| John Ryan | 2 00 |
| Charles Bates, Jr. | 2 00 |
| Charles M. Leavitt | 1 75 |
| Charles Bates | 2 00 |
| E. P. Joseph | 82 75 |
| Luther Litchfield | 1 25 |
| Allie Litchfield | 2 00 |
| Percy Litchfield | 2 00 |
| Ralph Merritt | 2 50 |
| Cassius C. Merritt | 2 00 |
| Harry G. Pinson | 2 13 |
| Frank Burns | 1 50 |
| Henry F. Spencer | 12 |
| Eddie Bates | 1 75 |
| William H. Spencer | 1 13 |

\$169 10

Soldiers' Relief.

Charles H. Totman.

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Cash | \$22 00 |
| Alpheus Thomas, cash expended | 19 50 |

\$41 50

Benjamin F. Lee.

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| Mrs. R. S. Winslow, care and board | \$31 00 |
| Town of Hanover, medical aid | 69 25 |

\$100 25

\$141 25

Soldiers' Burial.

| | |
|-------------------|---------|
| Charles H. Totman | \$35 00 |
| Sylvia Little | 35 00 |

Due from state

\$70 00

State Aid Paid in 1905.

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Ainslie, Peter | \$60 00 |
| Barnard, Charles D. | 50 00 |
| Bassford, David | 72 00 |
| Bassford, Amanda | 48 00 |
| Coleman, Amanda | 48 00 |
| Coleman, Abbie F. | 24 00 |
| Chapman, Timothy B. | 60 00 |
| Corthell, John | 36 00 |
| Chamberlain, Josiah W. | 72 00 |
| Damon, Ensign B. | 72 00 |
| Damon, Lucy | 36 00 |
| Dover, Hannah | 24 00 |
| Dyer, Frank | 48 00 |
| David, Charles | 72 00 |
| Damon, Maria B. | 36 00 |
| Ewell, Daniel R. | 72 00 |
| Fuller, Warren | 72 00 |
| Fuller, Hannah | 48 00 |
| Fitts, Seth O. | 60 00 |
| French, Matthias | 72 00 |
| Goodwin, Tirzah | 12 00 |
| Hatch, Sarah | 48 00 |
| Hatch, George A. | 60 00 |
| Howard, John H. | 48 00 |
| Leavitt, Charles M. | 48 00 |
| Morse, William H. | 48 00 |
| Merritt, William O. | 60 00 |

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|---------------------|-------|
| Poole, Benjamin B. | 48 00 |
| Prouty, Benjamin W. | 48 00 |
| Pierce, Diana | 48 00 |
| Rand, William H. | 36 00 |
| Robinson, David P. | 36 00 |
| Raymond, Harriet | 48 00 |
| Shepherd, Mary | 48 00 |
| Stone, William E. | 72 00 |
| Studley, Edwin | 58 00 |
| Smith, Albert T. | 48 00 |
| Totman, Charles H. | 18 00 |
| Totman, Rebecca H. | 36 00 |
| Torrey, George O. | 72 00 |
| Tolman, George T. | 60 00 |
| Williams, James H. | 72 00 |
| Winslow, Albert | 44 00 |
| Whitney, John S. | 72 00 |
| Young, Esther M. | 48 00 |

Approved by Commissioner and due
from state

\$2,308 00

Highways.

WEST WARD.

| | |
|---------------------|---------|
| E. A. Damon | \$22 40 |
| W. H. Farrar | 36 50 |
| Andrew Clapp | 8 20 |
| C. H. Tibbetts | 12 60 |
| Winslow Gardner | 5 40 |
| Charles Scully | 6 60 |
| Geo. H. Bates | 5 40 |
| William J. Hayden | 47 00 |
| Henry W. Maine | 59 20 |
| Henry L. Studley | 26 40 |
| Otto D. Burhoff | 6 90 |
| Charles H. Wilder | 7 20 |
| Simeon Damon | 8 20 |
| Charles E. Brewster | 18 00 |
| Charles Cutler | 12 60 |
| George H. Vinal | 11 20 |
| D. Fred Bates | 17 00 |
| Joseph Briggs | 15 00 |
| Walter Simmons | 252 02 |
| Robert N. Leavitt | 46 80 |
| Gardner Prescott | 29 60 |
| Thomas Hill | 3 60 |
| Alden Damon | 7 80 |
| Benjamin Loring | 65 50 |
| Walter Briggs | 18 00 |

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| Albion Damon | \$4 40 |
| Geo. A. Turner, railing at Jacobs' pond | 56 73 |
| Elisha Sprague, 141 loads gravel at 6c | 8 46 |
| Mrs. Veasy, 24 loads gravel at 6c | 1 44 |
| Bela Jacobs Estate, 200 loads gravel at 6c | 12 00 |
| Burt Richardson, 23 loads gravel at 6c | 1 38 |

\$813 53

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT—WEST WARD.

| | |
|---|----------|
| General repairs, scraping, picking stones, mowing bushes, etc. | \$380 89 |
| Railing at Jacobs' pond | 36 73 |
| Prospect street | 100 88 |
| South street | 50 70 |
| Mt. Hope street | 20 78 |
| Washington street | 88 60 |
| Main street | 95 35 |
| Grove street | 34 60 |
| Jacobs avenue | 5 00 |

\$813 53

SOUTH WARD.

| | |
|---|---------|
| F. E. Henderson, 27 days at \$2.50 | \$67 50 |
| Two men and 4 horses, 83 hours at \$1.00 | 83 00 |
| Man and 2 horses, 116 hours at 50c | 58 00 |
| Man and 3 horses, 10 hours at 66 2-3c | 6 67 |
| Man and horse, 63 hours at 33 1-3c | 21 00 |
| Horse, 51 hours at 16 2-3c | 8 50 |
| Man, 50 hours at 20c | 10 00 |

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| William Briggs, 4 horses, 50 hours | \$33 33 |
| Nathan Turner, man and 2 horses, 93 3-4 hours at 50c | 46 87 |
| W. C. Barnard, 101 1-2 hours at 20c | 20 30 |
| Man, 101 1-2 hours at 20c | 20 30 |
| Horse, 79 hours at 16 2-3c | 13 17 |
| W. O. Merritt, man and horse, 123 1-2 hours at 33 1-3c | 41 17 |
| Edwin C. Briggs, 50 hours at 20c | 10 00 |
| Walter Briggs, 50 hours at 20c | 10 00 |
| James Studley, 277 hours at 20c | 55 40 |
| Charles Simmons, 314 hours at 20c | 62 80 |
| Albion Snowdale, 228 hours at 20c | 45 60 |
| William R. Smith, 128 hours at 20c | 25 60 |
| George Lee, 137 hours at 20c | 27 40 |
| Charles Smith, 51 hours at 20c | 10 20 |
| Robert Smith, 51 hours at 20c | 10 20 |
| James Smith, 52 hours at 20c | 10 40 |
| Frank Dyer, 52 hours at 20c | 10 40 |
| William H. Appleford, 4 hours at 20c | 80 |
| Emery Winslow, 43 hours at 20c | 8 60 |
| Richard Winslow, 43 hours at 20c | 8 60 |
| Robert McKee, 44 hours at 20c | 8 80 |
| C. E. Barnard, 52 hours at 20c | 10 40 |
| John Weaver, 36 hours at 20c | 7 20 |
| Elmer Henderson, 59 hours at 20c | 11 80 |
| Henry A. Turner, 10 hours at 20c | 2 00 |
| G. C. Turner, 5 hours at 20c | 1 00 |
| George E. White, 8 hours at 20c | 1 60 |
| Fred W. Capell, material and repairs on railings on River street | 34 81 |
| H. N. Magoun, 16 feet of 8-inch tile | 4 00 |
| H. D. Smith, repairs on watering fountain | 1 50 |
| Repairs on road machine | 12 25 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, rakes | 1 00 |

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|-----------------------|--------|
| Carrie Ford, printing | \$1 00 |
| H. A. Turner, gravel | 78 |
| Seth Foster, gravel | 1 86 |
| Emma Bates, gravel | 9 72 |
| Gilbert West, gravel | 12 06 |

\$847 59

F. E. HENDERSON,
Surveyor.

HOW MONEY WAS SPENT—SOUTH WARD.

| | |
|--|----------|
| Scraping in ruts, raking, carting off waste | \$151 11 |
| Picking stones | 15 00 |
| Gravelling on Main and Circuit streets | 200 00 |
| Gravelling on River street | 175 00 |
| Gravelling on Tiffany Road and Com- mon street | 107 00 |
| New railings on River street | 43 18 |
| Repairs on watering fountain | 1 50 |
| Relaying bridges and tile on River and Main streets | 25 00 |
| Cleaning out gutters | 20 00 |
| Mowing bushes | 109 80 |

\$847 59

F. E. HENDERSON,
Surveyor.

EAST WARD.

| | |
|---|---------|
| E. P. Joseph, 19 1-2 days at \$2.50 | \$48 75 |
| Four horses and 2 men, 97 hours at \$1.00 | 97 00 |
| Two horses, man 102 hours at 50c | 51 00 |
| Four horses, man 18 hours at 83 1-3c | 15 00 |
| Horse 31 hours | 5 12 |
| Two men 324 hours at 40c | 129 60 |
| J. H. Hatch and 2 horses, 99 hours at 50c | 49 50 |
| John Burnes and 2 horses, 102 hours at 50c | 51 00 |
| Henry C. Ford and 2 horses, 81 hours at 50c | 40 50 |
| George H. Turner and 2 horses, 73 hours at 50c | 36 50 |
| Jesse Reed and 2 horses, 54 hours at 50c | 27 00 |
| John T. Moody and 2 horses, 43 hours at 50c | 21 50 |
| Carlton O. Litchfield and 2 horses, 27 hours at 50c | 13 50 |
| John Whalen and horse, 41 hours at 33 1-3 | 13 67 |
| John Whalen and horse, 282 hours at 20c | 56 40 |
| Seth O. Fitts, 29 hours at 20c | 5 80 |
| Seth O. Fitts and horse, 5 hours at 33 1-3c | 1 67 |
| Alexander Black, 203 hours at 20c | 40 60 |
| Caleb Litchfield, 124 hours at 20c | 24 80 |
| J. Martin Reed, 78 hours at 20c | 15 60 |
| Wallace Henderson, 77 1-2 hours at 20c | 15 50 |
| Frank Burns, 52 hours at 20c | 10 40 |
| Edward C. Jacobs, 46 hours at 20c | 9 20 |
| Chester Fitts, 28 1-2 hours at 20c | 5 70 |
| Henry Leavitt, 28 hours at 20c | 5 60 |
| Charles Bates, 25 hours at 20c | 5 00 |

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| Harry G. Pinson, 21 1-2 hours at 20c | \$4 30 |
| Joseph Totman, 25 1-2 hours at 20c | 5 10 |
| F. M. Curtis, 18 hours at 20c | 3 60 |
| John T. Hatch, 19 hours at 20c | 3 80 |
| Harry Litchfield, 16 hours at 20c | 3 20 |
| Frank L. Thomas, 319 loads of gravel at 6c | 19 14 |
| John W. Burns, 200 loads of gravel at 6c | 12 00 |
| George Vinal, 89 loads of gravel at 6c | 5 34 |
| John T Moody, 52 loads of gravel at 6c | 3 12 |

\$855 51

HOW THE MONEY WAS SPENT—EAST WARD.

| | |
|---|----------|
| General repairs, scraping and picking stones | \$140 70 |
| Gravel Main street | 210 66 |
| Gravel Lincoln street | 75 60 |
| Gravel Winter street | 74 40 |
| Gravel Central street | 58 60 |
| Gravel Cross street | 52 40 |
| Gravel Norwell avenue | 37 50 |
| Gravel Summer street | 16 20 |
| Gravel Bridge street | 6 40 |
| Mowing bushes | 94 70 |
| 660 loads of gravel | 39 60 |
| E. P. Joseph, 19 1-2 days at \$2.50 | 48 75 |

\$855 51

Gypsy and Browntail Moths.

Since our last annual meeting the Gypsy and Browntail moths have been found to exist in our town, and under the direction of the State Superintendent we have had them removed from the trees that border our highways. With the co-operation of every property owner, we feel that it is a comparatively easy matter to rid the town of these pests which are doing so much damage in other sections of the state.

EXPENDED FOR SUPPRESSION OF MOTHS.

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| Curtis & Bates, supplies | \$4 35 |
| John H. Sparrell, local superintendent | 35 35 |
| Ernest L. Loring, labor | 6 40 |
| Walter H. Briggs, labor | 11 20 |

\$57 30

Town Officers 1905.

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| Horace T. Fogg, treasurer | \$100 00 |
| George Cushing, auditor | 20 00 |
| Joseph F. Merritt, town clerk | 64 10 |
| Joseph F. Merritt, recording births, marriages and deaths | 17 80 |
| Alpheus Thomas, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor | 156 00 |
| Ezra E. Stetson, selectmen, assessor, and overseer of poor | 143 05 |
| Ernest H. Sparrell, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor | 104 00 |
| Mary E. Curtis, secretary school com- mittee | 45 00 |
| Benjamin Loring, school committee | 25 00 |
| George C. Turner, school committee | 24 45 |
| John H. Prouty, registrar of voters | 15 00 |
| William H. Appleford, registrar of voters | 15 00 |
| Charles A. Berry, registrar of voters | 15 00 |
| Andrew J. Litchfield, tax collector | 225 00 |
| Walter T. Osborn, services and ex- penses constable | 32 00 |
| J. Warren Foster, services and expenses constable | 16 00 |
| William E. Wilder, services and ex- penses constable | 15 00 |
| Everett E. Chamberlain, services and expenses constable | 10 00 |

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| Fred W. Capell, services and expenses | | |
| constable | \$7 50 | |
| J. Warren Foster, inspector of animals | 29 50 | |
| Charles Scully, election officer | 3 00 | |
| John Whalen, election officer | 3 00 | |
| Dr. H. J. Little, services board of health | 5 35 | |
| Alpheus Thomas, services board of health | 5 58 | |
| J. Frank Gear, supplies to board of health | 3 00 | |
| John Whalen, acting tree warden | 3 00 | |
| E. P. Joseph, acting tree warden | 8 75 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,111 08 |

CEMETERY.

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| H. L. House, labor and supplies | \$40 06 | |
| Chas. H. Lapham, labor | 4 71 | |
| Chas. Tibbetts, labor | 2 60 | |
| John W. Brown, labor | 2 60 | |
| Geo. H. Bates, labor | 2 60 | |
| Winslow Gardner, labor | 1 60 | |
| E. C. Briggs, scraping driveway 1904 | | |
| and 1905 | 9 50 | |
| J. H. Sparrell, suppression of gypsy moths | 85 | |
| | <hr/> | \$64 52 |
| Received for sale of lots | \$30 00 | |

TOWN TOMB.

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|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Appropriation | | \$500 00 |
| Expended in 1904 | \$257 61 | |
| A. B. Reed, lime. | 1 20 | |
| C. Callahan, labor | 75 00 | |

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| Wm. H. Farrar, labor | \$10 00 |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., supplies | 11 37 |

\$355 18

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

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| John F. Turner, repairs | \$20 65 |
| Daniel W. Ross, repairs | 2 50 |
| Levi N. Osborne, repairs | 2 50 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., supplies | 79 |
| Fred J. Croning, janitor | 25 00 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies | 55 |

\$51 99

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

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| Horace T. Fogg, Fore River bridge hearings | \$100 00 |
| Horace T. Fogg, Insurance on Town hall | 22 00 |
| Horace T. Fogg, Insurance on Griffith place | 2 10 |
| Horace T. Fogg, services as fire warden | 9 00 |
| William D. Turner, services Sampson and Barrell fires | 3 00 |
| A. J. Litchfield, Jr., services fire | 1 00 |
| Lorenzo Cromwell, services watching fire | 1 50 |
| Services at W. Hackett fire : C. A. Brett, Robert Leavitt | 3 50 |
| J. Henry Leavitt | 1 75 |
| A. L. Richardson | 1 75 |

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| Earl Richardson | \$1 75 |
| Nelson Osborn | 1 75 |
| John H. Sparrell | 2 00 |
| Cohasset Fire Department | 26 75 |
| F. E. Henderson, services fire warden | 10 00 |
| Services at Stoddard fire : W. H. Briggs | 88 |
| E. W. Henderson | 2 25 |
| A. B. Whiting | 1 63 |
| C. S. Deane | 1 00 |
| William C. Tolman | 1 75 |
| Services at Nash fire : William O. Merritt | 1 50 |
| D. R. Ewell | 1 50 |
| Services at Winter street fire : C. O. Keene | 1 25 |
| E. C. Jacobs | 1 00 |
| Howard Delano | 75 |
| Elwin Tilden | 75 |
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths, 1904 | 5 25 |
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, returning deaths, 1905 | 4 00 |
| C. W. & E. H. Sparrell, team and cash advanced to state engineers | 7 00 |
| Returning births . G. Osgood, M. D. | 3 50 |
| Joseph Frame, M. D. | 1 25 |
| C. E. Knight, M. D. | 50 |
| H. J. Little, M. D. | 2 25 |
| Town of Marshfield, care and repairs Union bridge | 8 10 |
| Walter R. Torrey, legal services 1899 to 1905 | 78 00 |
| Rockland Standard Pub. Co., town reports | 88 00 |
| Rockland Standard Pub. Co., voting lists | 20 85 |
| Rockland Standard Pub. Co., town meet- ing warrants | 3 00 |
| Carrie M. Ford, printing and stationery | 25 75 |
| E. L. Slocum, printing check book | 7 50 |

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| H. W. Dolbeare, assessors' notices | \$1 00 |
| E. H. Sparrell, slaughter house licenses | 75 |
| P. B. Murphy, dog license book | 2 50 |
| Thos. Groom & Co., tax book | 3 50 |
| Mary E. Curtis, stamps, and envelopes for treasurer | 10 54 |
| Mary E. Curtis, supplies and stamps for town office | 12 50 |
| A. J. Litchfield, cash paid for postage | 14 44 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., stationery | 25 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies to town office | 1 47 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies to fire warden | 88 |
| E. E. Stetson, stationery | 1 68 |
| Southern Massachusetts Telephone Co. | 2 81 |
| H. N. Magoun, repairs on town pump | 3 00 |
| E. A. Turner, for board of state engineers | 9 00 |
| Chas. E. Simmons, repairing Delano Hill water supply | 4 75 |
| Helen L. Fogg, rent of vault | 8 00 |
| W. D. Turner, stakes for state engineers | 3 50 |
| Town of Pembroke, seeding pond | 7 50 |
| Alpheus Thomas, bounty on woodchucks 1904 | 50 |
| E. A. Turner, telephone tolls | 20 |

\$548 06

RECAPITULATION.

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| Taxes abated | \$98 48 |
| Highway expenditures | 2,516 63 |
| Snow expenditures | 750 91 |

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| Town officers | \$1,085 40 |
| Town hall | 51 99 |
| Town incidentals | 448 06 |
| Cemetery expenditures | 64 52 |
| Tomb expenditures | 97 57 |
| Almshouse expenditures | 1,563 56 |
| Aid to out-door poor | 1,688 15 |
| Soldiers' relief | 141 75 |
| Soldiers' burial | 70 00 |
| State aid | 2,308 00 |

CREDITS.

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| Refunded by state on account of soldiers' burial | 175 00 |
| Almshouse credits | 677 25 |
| State aid | 2,308 00 |
| Due from the state for cattle inspection | 14 75 |
| Cemetery sale of lots | 30 00 |
| Refunded by towns on account of poor | 420 13 |

 FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

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| Notes in favor of South Scituate Savings bank | \$6,000 00 |
| Note in favor of the Coffin fund | 2,000 00 |
| Note in favor of the Otis fund | 1,300 00 |
| Due to other towns for support of poor (estimated) | 200 00 |

ASSETS.

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| Due from State for state aid | \$2,308 00 |
| Due from Towns for aid to poor | 420 13 |
| Due from State for soldiers' burial | 175 00 |

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| Due from State for inspection of cattle | \$14 75 |
| Cash in hands of treasurer | 1,980 02 |
| Uncollected taxes | 3,395 92 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

NORWELL, JAN. 19, 1906.

I have examined the accounts of the treasurer, selectmen and collector and find them cast correctly and vouchers for all amounts paid.

GEO. CUSHING,
Auditor.

List of Jurors.

List of persons qualified to serve as jurors, to be presented to the town for acceptance or revision.

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| James L. Litchfield | Farmer |
| Arthur T. Stoddard | Shoecutter |
| L. Frank Hammond | Farmer |
| Henry J. Tolman | Carpenter |
| Arthur C. Jones | Artist |
| Lebbeus Leach | Retired |
| George H. Tisdale | Shoestitcher |
| Joseph H. Corthell | Retired |
| George H. Bates | Retired |
| Walter S. Briggs | Farmer |
| Benjamin P. Nichols | Carpenter |
| Herbert E. Robbins | Clerk |
| Seth O. Fitts | Farmer |
| John E. Leslie | Sawyer |
| Harrison Wilder | Retired |
| Seth Foster | Retired |
| E. Gerry Bates | Trader |
| Josiah W. Chamberlain, Jr. | Shoeworker |
| Charles E. Simmons | Carpenter |
| Clifton S. Deane | Teacher |
| Robert C. Henderson | Shoecutter |
| James E. Stoddard | Shoeworker |
| H. Wilbur Swan | Retired |
| Alpheus Thomas | Shoeworker |
| Henry A. Turner | Farmer |
| Minot Williamson | Veterinary |

Town Officers 1905.

Town clerk, Joseph F. Merritt.

Town Treasurer, Horace T. Fogg.

Tax Collector, Andrew J. Litchfield.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Alpheus Thomas, Ezra E. Stetson, Ernest H. Sparrell.

School Committee, Mary E. Curtis, Benjamin Loring, George C. Turner.

Board of Health, Dr. H. J. Little, Alpheus Thomas, Clifton S. Deane.

Constables and Field Drivers, Walter T. Osborn, William E. Wilder, J. Warren Foster, Fred W. Capell.

Road Commissioners, Emanuel P. Joseph, Walter Simmons, Francis E. Henderson.

Cemetery Committee, George W. Curtis, Joseph H. Curtis, Alpheus Thomas.

Auditor, George Cushing.

Town Physician, Dr. H. J. Little.

Tree Warden, John Corthell.

APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

Fire Wardens and Forest Fire Wardens, Horace T. Fogg, Alpheus W. Thomas, Clifford A. Brett, Henry J. Tolman, Francis E. Henderson, Jesse Reed.

Surveyors of Lumber, Wood and Bark, William S. Simmons, J. Frank Turner, William D. Turner, Harry P. Henderson, Andrew Stockbridge, Francis E. Henderson,

Thomas Barstow, John H. Prouty, Wallace Hackett, Joseph Briggs, John Whalen.

Inspector of Animals, J. Warren Foster.

Burial Agent, Edwin A. Turner.

Pound Keeper, James H. Pinkham.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Edwin A. Turner.

Keeper of Lockup, James H. Pinkham.

Registrars of Voters, Edward M. Sexton, William H. Appleford, John H. Prouty.

Report of Trustees.

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS POOR FUND.

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| Loaned on town note | \$1,300 00 | |
| In Savings bank | 700 00 | |
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| Amount of fund | | \$2,000 00 |

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| On hand Jan. 1, 1895 | \$118 25 | |
| Interest on bank books | 33 02 | |
| Interest on town note | 52 00 | |
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| | | \$203 27 |

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| Paid worthy poor | \$61 72 | |
| Paid inmates of the almshouse | 37 00 | |
| In the bank Jan. 1, 1906 | 96 27 | |
| Cash on hand | 8 28 | |
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| | | \$203 27 |

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE GEORGE P. CLAPP
CEMETERY FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | 08 | |
| Interest on bank book | 4 04 | |
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| | | \$104 12 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$4 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 12 | |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 | |
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| | | \$104 12 |

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE COFFIN POOR FUND.

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| Amount of fund | | \$2,000 00 |
| Loan on town note at 4 per cent. | | |
| In Savings bank Jan. 1, 1905 | \$86 41 | |
| Interest on bank book | 3 48 | |
| Interest on note | 80 00 | |
| Cash on hand | 53 55 | |
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| | | \$223 44 |

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| Paid for care of cemetery lot | \$5 00 | |
| Paid worthy poor | 133 55 | |
| In bank Dec. 31, 1905 | 84 89 | |
| | <hr/> | \$223 44 |

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE A. T. OTIS CEMETERY

AND TOMB FUNDS.

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| Amount of funds | \$1,500 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | 195 55 | |
| Interest on bank books | 68 46 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,763 98 |

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| Care of lots and flowers | \$30 00 | |
| C. C. Merritt building platform | 3 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 230 98 | |
| Amount of funds | 1,500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,763 98 |

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE PRUDENCE C. DELANO

CEMETERY FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$300 00 |
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| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | \$73 09 | |
| Interest on bank book | 15 06 | |
| | <hr/> | \$388 15 |

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| Paid for care of lot | \$5 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 83 15 | |
| Amount of fund | 300 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$388 15 |

SECOND ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE MARY O. ROBBINS
CEMETERY FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$200 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 10 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$210 00 |

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE JOSSELYN CEMETERY
FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$200 00 |
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| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | \$43 58 | |
| Interest on bank book | 9 82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$253 40 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$8 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 45 40 | |
| Amount of fund | 200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$253 40 |

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE BETSY TOLMAN CEMETERY
FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on bank book | 4 04 | |
| | <hr/> | \$104 04 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$4 04 | |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$104 04 |

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE SAMUEL C. CUDWORTH
CEMETERY FUND.

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| Amount of fund | \$200 00 |
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| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | \$23 36 | |
| Interest on bank book | 9 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 36 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$4 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1906 | 28 36 | |
| Amount of fund | 200 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$232 36 |

EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF THE NANCY HERSEY CEMETERY FUND.

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|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Amount of fund | \$100 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | 14 46 | |
| Interest on bank book | 4 60 | |
| | <hr/> | \$119 06 |
| Paid for care of lot | \$3 00 | |
| Interest on deposit Jan. 1, 1905 | 16 06 | |
| Amount of fund | 100 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$119 06 |

Transcript of Articles in the Warrant.

FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 5, 1906,
AT NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on the report of the Town Clerk, Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Auditor, Collector and Treasurer.

Article 4. To choose all such town officers as the laws of the state and the by-laws of the town require.

Article 5. To bring in their votes "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town for the ensuing year?"

Article 6. What amount of money will the town raise for the support of poor and incidental expenses?

Article 7. What sum of money will the town raise for the support of schools?

Article 8. What sum of money will the town raise for highway repairs?

Article 9. What compensation will the town make for removing snow and appropriate money for the same?

Article 10. In what manner and time shall the taxes be collected the ensuing year?

Article 11. Will the town accept the list of jurors prepared by the selectmen?

Article 12. Will the town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes?

Article 13. To hear and act on the report of any committee heretofore chosen.

Article 14. To make allowance to town creditors.

Article 15. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the use of Post 112, G. A. R., on Memorial Day?

Article 16. What sum of money will the town appropriate for the payment of state and military aid?

Article 17. What sum of money will the town appropriate to pay the Superintendent of Schools?

Article 18. What sum of money will the town raise for repairs of schoolhouses and incidentals?

Article 19. Will the town cause a statement of their financial affairs to be printed in February next?

Article 20. Will the town appropriate a sum of money to be expended in the cemetery on Washington street?

Article 21. Will the town cause a new valuation to be taken in 1906?

Article 22. What price will the town pay for labor on the highways for the ensuing year?

Article 23. Will the town accept the deed of the David Griffith property?

Article 24. Will the town accept a trust fund from Mrs. Charles H. Merritt for the care of her lot in the cemetery at Norwell near the Unitarian church?

Article 25. Will the town cause the bushes on Forest street to be mowed?

Article 26. What action will the town take in regard to keeping the sidewalks in repair?

Article 27. Will the town instruct the town clerk to procure designs for a new town seal and report at the next meeting?

Article 28. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 to purchase a safe for the town office?

Article 29. Will the town raise and appropriate a sum of money for painting the almshouse.

Article 30. Will the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$210 to pay for completing the new road on River street?

Article 31. Will the town give any instruction to the town officers.

Article 32. Or act or do anything relative to the above.

Citizens desiring additional articles in the warrant will present them to the Selectmen on or before Feb. 17, 1906.

ALPHEUS THOMAS,
EZRA E. STETSON,
ERNERT H. SPARRELL,
Selectmen of Norwell.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF NORWELL

FOR THE YEAR 1905

Report of the School Committee.

TO THE CITIZENS OF NORWELL :

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Benjamin Loring, chairman, term expires 1907.

George C. Turner, term expires 1906.

Mary E. Curtis, secretary, term expires 1908.

SUPERVISION.

We could but feel exceedingly sorry to lose the services of so efficient a superintendent as was Mr. C. A. Record, who left us in July to accept a more lucrative position in Abington and Bridgewater.

Yet we cannot help congratulating ourselves on securing the services of Mr. Charles A. Harris of Oxford, Mass., who, although new to the work of a superintendent, has taken it up with great enthusiasm, working unceasingly to benefit the schools by every means in his power.

TEACHERS.

Mr. Edward L. Hill, who had been principal of the High school since Sept 1904, resigned in February of this year and was succeeded by Mr. John E. DeMeyer, who was at that time a member of the senior class at Bates college, from which he has since graduated.

Mr. DeMeyer has proven himself an ideal teacher, winning the respect and esteem of the pupils, and with the able assistance of Miss Marion D. Ames and Miss Maud A. Reed, also of Bates college, is making of our High school an institution in which we should take great pride.

Miss Eva F. McClellan of Lanesville succeeded Miss Packard in the grammar school at District No. 1, and has done the best of work. We are very glad to number her on our list of teachers.

Miss Jeannette A. Dawson of Somerville succeeded, in District No. 6, Mrs. Simonds, who resigned in September to accept the principalship at a much larger salary, of a school in her native town, Pawtucket, R. I. It is very unfortunate for us that we are unable to offer a good teacher a salary large enough to keep her with us, but it is impossible, and thus we often lose the best of teachers.

To Miss Sarah F. Richardson at No. 1 primary, with her 47 little ones, to Miss Marion G. Merritt at No. 5 primary, with her 37 little people, to Miss Maria W. Tolman at No. 7 primary, with her 22 little men and women, and to Miss Martha C. Scully at No. 5 grammar with her 46 young people, let us give much praise for the ever faithful work which they do.

TRANSPORTATION.

The contracts for transportation were awarded as follows:

Mr. John F. Osborne, from District No. 2 to District No. 1 and High school.

Mrs. E. L. Loring, from Districts No. 3 and 4 to District No. 5 and High school.

Mr. James L. Litchfield, from Districts Nos. 4 and 6 to Nos. 5 and 6.

Mr. L. F. Hammond, from District Nos. 7 to No. 5 and High school.

In this matter of transportation, we have honestly tried to accommodate in every way, the children who are obliged to use the barges in getting to school.

And we think we have succeeded, as in scarcely a single case is a child obliged to walk as far as he would had he a school in his own district, and in a large majority of cases, the barge passes the door of his home.

REPAIRS.

At the annual town meeting, it was voted that the Town hall be shingled and that it should be paid for out of the school appropriation. Your committee have had the work done in a thorough manner and with the best of materials.

Proposals for doing the work were sent to the carpenters in town and four bids were received, the lowest bidder being Mr. J. Frank Turner, \$74.97, and he was awarded the contract. The contractor furnished his own staging, while the town furnished the nails, shingles and zinc.

Another improvement made in this building during the year was the installation of a water system for the use of the pupils in the study of physics and chemistry.

This has been of great advantage to the school as heretofore it has been almost impossible to make any experiments owing to a lack of running water, sinks, etc.

A much needed improvement has been made in the primary room at District No. 1 by the building of a book closet. An alcove in the back of the room, which had formerly served really no purpose but for storage of wood, by the addition of a front and shelves, made a fine closet and fills a long felt want in the building.

Beyond the ordinary repairs to the school buildings and yards the coming year, there is the building in No. 1, which needs painting very much ; also the yard in No. 5 should be graveled, as in wet weather it is over shoe in mud, but in all probability these will not require any great outlay of money.

During the summer vacation the committee decided to close the school in District No. 4, carrying one-half the pupils to District No. 6, the others to No. 5. With Mr. Litchfield's barge on one side for the No. 6 pupils and Mrs. Loring's on the other for the No. 5 pupils, this small school was easily transported, and the pupils taken where it has since been proved by the great advance, which the children have made, that the change was a wise one. We wish that parents would take the trouble, shall we say trouble? No! rather the opportunity, to visit the schools. You have no idea how much you are missing in staying away. And the children all like to have "mother" visit school, we say "mother", as presumably "father" has no time for such things.

Just look at the rapid advance that has been made in the subject of writing. Why, when you first went to school, learning to write one's name was a laborious process, only to be accomplished, after first, learning to print, then with much effort we slowly and painfully learned the great art of writing. Now, nearly every little five-year old, after one month's practice, can write his name fifty per cent. better than we could after one year at school.

The same is true of the reading, all normal children learning in ten weeks 83 words, which can readily be recognized anywhere at sight. And this is not all; the children are taught to observe the things round about them in nature, they can tell you about the seasons, the winds, the birds, the flowers, the vegetables. They are taught lessons in politeness, kindness to each other and to dumb animals, why we celebrate the holidays, as Thanksgiving, Christmas, Washington's birthday, etc.; facts in the lives of noted men and women, the best pieces of poetry, and many more things, which you have only to visit for yourselves to find out. We wish you could have heard, as we did, a class of twelve little folks, who had been to school but fourteen months in all, add, subtract, multiply and divide, with what we call really hard

numbers for little scholars, such as, $6+7=$, $9+4=$, $13-6=$, $12\div3=$, $\frac{1}{2}$ of $12=$ and many others, and each one so eager to answer and so proud to show us what they could do, that we could not help feeling glad that it was in our power to give these children, our future men and women, such opportunities as they now enjoy.

We do not like, every year, to harp on the same old subject, ATTENDANCE, but how can we help it, when we look at the registers and see the per cent. of attendance. For instance, one school numbering 35, had an average attendance of 28, just the same as though there were seven pupils, who did not go to school at all that term, whose children were they, was one of them yours? And this is not a rare case; there are many such through the town, a day here and two days there, soon make up a week. All the time the child is losing interest in school work, he dreads to go back for there will be lessons to be made up. The first day will be almost as good as lost, as he doesn't know what has gone before. So it goes on, parents not realizing what the child is losing until he doesn't get promoted at the end of the year and then teacher, committee and superintendent are blamed in turn.

As one parent said to us, (when his child failed of promotion) "Why, my child wasn't absent hardly any." "Yes," we answered, "he was out five weeks." "Why, that can't be possible," but it was just exactly that as shown by the register.

Another was much astonished to find that taking it through the year, his child had been out twelve weeks; one whole term in all. We do not expect sick children to attend school but if you, as parents, would send the well ones every session of school there would be fewer absences on the registers and more promotions at the end of the year.

May we ask you once more, to reserve your criticisms of the teachers and school systems until your children are out of hearing. You may not like some action on the part of the teacher while some one else thinks it perfectly right. You

have one or two children to bring up, to train properly, while a teacher has thirty or more and not one of them like yours, can you judge for her? You were not in her place, if you were, it is exceedingly doubtful if you would have done as well. She has charge of these same children only five and one-half hours a day and yet you expect her to work miracles with them ; if they are impolite, you affirm that "they are not taught politeness" ; if they are untruthful, it is "what they learn at school" ; if they use profane language, they hear it on the school grounds." Parents, as they are under your charge three times as long during the day, is it not possible for you to correct some of these habits? Be sure the teacher will be grateful to you for it is an old saying that "Children who behave at home, will behave in school." You will say, perhaps, to the teacher, I want my child to mind you, if he doesn't do right, I want you to punish him." That is all right, well and good, but when that same teacher does punish, stand by her, uphold the course she has pursued, tell the child, "you deserved it or you would not have been punished," let him see that you are in sympathy with the teacher and he won't trouble that teacher again.

We are all striving for the same end, that is, to give the best that is in our school system to our children. To make our boys more manly men, to make our girls more womanly women, at home and in school, let us so teach them, that, in later years, they may be able to take the places now occupied by the noblest and best of the sons and daughters of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN LORING,
 GEORGE C. TURNER,
 MARY E. CURTIS,
 School Committee of Norwell.

Expenditures.

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE APPROPRIATION.

For the winter term of ten weeks, 1905, but chargeable to the appropriation of 1904.

Teachers' Salaries.

| | |
|------------------------|----------|
| Edward L. Hill | \$120 00 |
| John E. DeMeyer | 120 00 |
| Mattie S. Wilder | 115 50 |
| M. Abbie Packard | 80 00 |
| Sarah F. Richardson | 90 00 |
| Lena B. McCaffrey | 90 00 |
| Martha C. Scully | 100 00 |
| Marion G. Merritt | 90 00 |
| Mrs. Katharine Simonds | 90 00 |
| Maria W. Tolman | 90 00 |
| A. Gertrude Jones | 35 00 |

\$1020 50

Supervision.

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| C. A. Record | \$170 10 |
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Transportation.

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|---------------------|----------|
| Mrs. E. L. Loring | \$132 00 |
| William T. Lapham | 170 50 |
| James L. Litchfield | 110 00 |
| Edward A. Jacobs | 25 00 |
| Tilon Williams | 22 00 |
| L. F. Hammond | 132 00 |
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| | \$591 50 |

Care of Rooms.

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| Fred J. Croning, High school | \$25 00 |
| Ralph L. Phipps, District No. 1 | 10 00 |
| William E. Leslie } District No. 4 | 4 00 |
| Gertrude W. Leslie } | |
| Edwin W. French, District No. 5 | 10 00 |
| Irving Henderson, District No. 6 | 4 00 |
| William C. Tolman, Jr., District No. 7 | 6 75 |
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| | \$59 75 |

EXPENDITURES CHARGEABLE TO THE
APPROPRIATION.

For Spring and Fall Terms, 1905.

Teachers' Salaries.

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| John E. DeMeyer, principal High school | \$600 00 |
| Mattie S. Wilder, assistant High school | 136 50 |
| Marion D. Ames, assistant High school | 180 00 |

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| Maud A. Reed, assistant High school | \$160 00 |
| A. Gertrude Jones, drawing teacher | 90 00 |
| Eva F. McClellan, District No. 1 grammar | 240 00 |
| Sarah F. Richardson, District No. 1 primary | 252 00 |
| Lena B. McCaffrey, District No. 4 mixed | 108 00 |
| Martha C. Scully, District No. 5 grammar | 280 00 |
| Marion G. Merritt, District No. 5 primary | 252 00 |
| Mrs. Katharine Simonds, District No. 6 mixed | 126 00 |
| Jeannette A. Dawson, District No. 6 mixed | 126 00 |
| Maria W. Tolman, District No. 7 primary | 252 00 |

\$2802 50

Care of Rooms.

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|-------------------------------------|---------------|------|
| Fred J. Croning, High school | \$130 00 | |
| Ralph L. Phipps, Dist. No. 1 | 20 25 | |
| William E. Leslie | } Dist. No. 4 | 4 00 |
| Gertrude W. Leslie | | |
| Edwin W. French, Dist. No. 5 | 28 00 | |
| James Dolan, Dist. No. 6 | 4 00 | |
| Seth O. Fitts, Dist. No. 6 | 16 00 | |
| William C. Tolman, Jr., Dist. No. 7 | 15 50 | |

\$217 75

Fuel and Fitting.

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|---|---------|
| C. O. Keene, wood | \$13 75 |
| F. E. Henderson, wood (as per contract) | 21 00 |

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| C. O. Keene, wood (as per contract) | \$103 25 | |
| W. D. Turner, wood | 8 50 | |
| Walter Simmons, coal | 52 00 | |
| John Whalen, wood | 2 00 | |
| Walter C. Barnard, sawing wood | 23 25 | |
| Willie W. Loring, labor on wood | 10 00 | |
| Harold B. Sexton, labor on wood | 4 00 | |
| Walter H. Briggs, labor on wood | 3 00 | |
| Fred J. Croning, labor on wood | 8 00 | |
| John Whalen, labor on wood | 4 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$252 75 |

Superintendent.

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| Received from State | \$250 00 | |
| Town appropriation | 250 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$500 00 |
| Paid C. A. Record | 170 10 | |
| Paid C. A. Harris | 500 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 370 10 |
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| | | \$129 90 |

Transportation.

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|---------------------|----------|------------|
| Mrs. E. L. Loring | \$483 00 | |
| Tilon Williams | 10 00 | |
| William T. Lapham | 77 50 | |
| L. F. Hammond | 348 00 | |
| George S. Hatch | 5 00 | |
| James L. Litchfield | 322 00 | |
| John F. Osborne | 384 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,629 50 |

Books and Supplies.

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| C. H. Lovell | \$17 50 | |
| Wadsworth, Howland & Co. | 10 18 | |
| D. W. Fisher & Co. | 4 00 | |
| A. Storrs & Bement Co. | 1 60 | |
| Wright & Potter Printing Co. | 1 07 | |
| Western Pub. House | 3 60 | |
| Rand, McNally & Co. | 10 09 | |
| Ginn & Co. | 22 04 | |
| E. E. Babb & Co. | 248 22 | |
| Miss L. A. Hicks | 7 20 | |
| The Scarborough Co. | 6 25 | |
| Allen, Totman & Co. | 10 40 | |
| J. L. Hammett Co. | 28 07 | |
| American Book Co. | 11 52 | |
| D. C. Heath & Co. | 12 00 | |
| Silver, Burdett & Co. | 15 00 | |
| Journal of Geography | 4 50 | |
| Samuel Ward Co. | 20 30 | |
| Educational Pub. Co. | 4 00 | |
| Oliver Ditson Co. | 4 75 | |
| Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co. | 4 09 | |
| The Red Cross Co. | 4 00 | |
| Boston Music Co. | 78 | |
| Harold B. Farrar | 15 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$466 15 |

Cleaning Schoolhouses.

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|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Mrs. Mary A. Osborne, Dist. No. 5 | 10 00 | |
| Mrs. Eva L. Wimslow, Dist. No. 7 | 6 00 | |
| Seth O. Fitts, Dist. No. 6 | 6 50 | |
| Mrs. E. C. Jones, Dist. No. 1 | 12 00 | |
| Fred J. Croning, High school | 7 50 | |
| | <hr/> | \$42 00 |

Supplies and Incidentals.

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|---|---------|
| Carrie M. Ford, printing | \$39 39 |
| Harold B. Sexton, cleaning yard No. 5 | 1 00 |
| D. R. Ewell, use of team | 1 00 |
| J. Frank Turner, shingling Town hall | 74 97 |
| J. Frank Turner, labor at Town hall and Nos. 4 and 5 | 13 14 |
| Phillips, Bates & Co., shingles, nails etc. | 160 12 |
| Henry J. Tolman, materials and labor at No. 7 | 8 82 |
| F. E. Henderson, cleaning vault No. 7 | 2 00 |
| Patrick McNicol, cleaning vaults | 5 00 |
| C. L. Rice & Sons, curtains | 3 60 |
| William H. Spencer, labor on stoves and materials furnished | 20 55 |
| D. W. Ross, mending chairs at Town hall | 1 50 |
| J. B. Whitman, tuning piano, (twice) | 5 00 |
| Curtis & Bates, supplies to schools | 11 49 |
| Norwell Post Office, postage | 4 70 |
| A. J. Litchfield & Son, supplies to schools | 8 79 |
| Arthur J. Turner, shingling at No. 5 | 2 50 |
| Cassius C. Merritt, labor at No. 4 | 1 40 |
| C. A. Record, expenses | 8 00 |
| L. F. Hammond, freight and carting | 2 10 |
| New York & Boston Express, expressing | 16 81 |
| C. P. Sinnott, expenses at Teachers' Institute | 11 00 |
| Henry L. Studley, labor | 3 75 |
| H. S. Turner & Co., ribbon for diplomas | 78 |
| John E. DeMeyer, expenses to Lewiston | 15 00 |
| Levi N. Osborn, labor at No. 1 | 2 50 |
| Hall & Torrey, material and labor at High school | 95 62 |
| George A. Turner, materials and labor at No. 1 and High school | 56 25 |

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| E. W. French, cleaning clock | 1 00 |
| J. H. Lehan, painting and glazing | 13 65 |
| John Whalen, labor at No. 1 (1904) | 1 50 |
| W. A. G. Smith, repairing clock | 1 50 |
| C. A. Harris, expenses | 4 19 |

\$588 60

High School Fund.

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|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Unexpended balance from last year | \$198 30 |
| Received from State | 300 00 |

\$498 30

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| Mary F. Simmons, teaching | \$144 00 |
| E. E. Babb & Co., supplies | 82 33 |
| Ginn & Co., supplies | 93 31 |
| Arthur W. Hall Scientific Co. supplies | 166 95 |
| Miss A. E. Allen, supplies | 5 00 |
| D. C. Heath & Co., supplies | 1 67 |

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Available Funds For Present Year.

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| Town appropriation | \$5,250 00 |
| Dog tax | 336 25 |
| State Board of Charity | 136 00 |
| Received from State on account of teachers' salaries | 217 16 |

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| State school fund | \$1,303 89 | |
| Town of Rockland (tuition) | 83 00 | |
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| | | \$7,326 30 |
| Amount expended | | 5,999 25 |
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| | | \$1,327 05 |
| Expenses to April (estimated) | | 1,910 00 |
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| Deficit | | \$582 95 |

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

NORWELL, JAN. 27, 1906.

I have examined the accounts of the School Committee and find vouchers for amount paid.

GEO. CUSHING,
Auditor.

ABSTRACT FROM REGISTERS.

| SCHOOLS. | WINTER TERM—1905. | | | | | | SPRING TERM—1905. | | | | | | FALL TERM—1905. | | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| | Number Enrolled. | Average Membership. | Average Attendance. | Per cent. of Attendance. | Number of Tardy Marks. | Number of Visitors. | Number Enrolled. | Average Membership. | Average Attendance. | Per cent. of Attendance. | Number of Tardy Marks. | Number of Visitors. | Number Enrolled. | Average Membership. | Average Attendance. | Per cent. of Attendance. | Number of Tardy Marks. | Number of Visitors. |
| No. 1 Primary | 32 | 27.95 | 25.02 | .88+ | 31 | 19 | 35 | 33.81 | 31.96 | .94+ | 13 | 51 | 47 | 44.62 | 42.88 | .96+ | 12 | 24 |
| No. 1 Grammar | 19 | 18. | 16.9 | .94 | 8 | 4 | 20 | 19.31 | 18.3 | .97+ | 5 | 51 | 25 | 21.59 | 20.44 | .94+ | 12 | 26 |
| No. 4 Mixed | 15 | 12.2 | 10.98 | .90 | 22 | 14 | 12 | 11.5 | 10.16 | .88 | 20 | 8 | | | | | | |
| No. 5 Primary | 25 | 23.5 | 19.06 | .81 | 5 | 8 | 28 | 24.25 | 22.19 | .91 | 31 | 17 | 37 | 34.81 | 32.51 | .93 | 33 | 34 |
| No. 5 Grammar | 41 | 39.6 | 32.31 | .81 | 12 | 3 | 41 | 37.55 | 34.47 | .90+ | 17 | 5 | 46 | 45.21 | 41.15 | .91 | 14 | 19 |
| No. 6 Mixed | 29 | 25.46 | 24.56 | .96 | 18 | 6 | 33 | 31.66 | 29. | .91+ | 29 | 4 | 35 | 32.87 | 27.52 | .83+ | 4 | 14 |
| No. 7 Primary | 22 | 21.6 | 17.15 | .79+ | 3 | 3 | 26 | 23.13 | 21.5 | .92+ | 8 | 11 | 22 | 21.47 | 19.79 | .92 | 4 | 11 |
| High | 46 | 45.66 | 43. | .94 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 42.66 | 40.66 | .95 | 9 | 12 | 47 | 46.38 | 42.54 | .91+ | 14 | 17 |

Report of the Superintendent.

To the School Committee of Norwell :—

I herewith submit for your consideration my first annual report.

VISITS.

From the opening of school in September to January 1, 1906, seventy three visits to the schools were made by your superintendent. These visits have varied in duration from calls of a few minutes to those of several hours. All, however, have been intended to promote the efficiency of the schools. According to my time schedule for visiting schools, I should be able to visit each school in the district every ten and one-half days, but unforeseen difficulties arise, and make the adaptation of a fixed schedule well-nigh impracticable.

My work thus far has been along the following lines :—

- 1—Observing and correcting methods of instruction employed by teachers.
- 2—Personally examining classes.
- 3—Adjusting school program.
- 4—Noticing hygienic conditions.
- 5—Observing equipment such as globes, maps, blackboards, text-books, etc., with the view of recommending changes or improvements.
- 6—Delivering supplies.
- 7—Conducting teachers' meetings.

- 8—Observing systems of lighting, heating, ventilation, conditions of building, kind of seats, etc.
- 9—Teaching during absence of teacher.

ATTENDANCE.

In order to secure the best results in school, attendance during the entire time is imperative. Absences affect not only the absentee, but the whole school. The part of the class that is industrious and perfect in attendance is compelled to go at a slower pace than is commensurate with its ability in order to permit the absentees, the tardy, and the dismissed, to "catch up."

Absences occur from various causes, e. g., sickness, stormy weather, visiting, working at home or elsewhere, improper clothing, truancy, and other causes too trivial to mention. Only one cause is a really satisfactory excuse, viz., sickness.

The law reads that a child shall attend school the "entire time." This does not mean part of the time however large. Of course occasional cases of tardiness and dismissals are inevitable, but they should not reach the chronic stage.

It is not generally known that if a pupil "whose physical condition is not such as to render his attendance at school harmful or impracticable," fails to attend school "for five day sessions or ten half-day sessions within any period of six months," the parent or guardian is liable to a fine of \$20. Severe in some cases perhaps, but the policy of the state is attendance during the "entire time."

During the first month of this school year (19 days,) there were in the town of Norwell alone, 478 half-day absences.

If the parents would realize what a boom it would be to our school system, if the absences were reduced to the minimum, and would co-operate with us in effecting the same, better results would, of necessity, follow.

Again, it is not generally known that a note from the parent asking to have a pupil excused for tardiness or

dismissed, does not suffice. A written excuse or request for dismissal should contain the reason why such request is made. In other words, the school authorities have a right to know just what a pupil is doing during school hours.

TEXT BOOKS AND MAPS.

The text books in the town, for the most part, are excellent. Still several hundred dollars could be spent at once without the slightest chance of charging your committee with extravagance. Some new books should be introduced; others that have done good service and that are now coverless, torn and unclean, should be discarded. Publishers are glad to allow something for this dilapidated material, so these books are not a total loss.

Classical maps, which are emphatically indispensable to the comprehensive study of latin and ancient history, should be purchased for use in the High school. I have observed several books in use here that are very much out of date.

Nothing could do more for your High school pupils than to furnish them with the above mentioned supplies, thus making the training received by Norwell pupils at the hands of an efficient corps of teachers, doubly desirable.

Dr. Frank A. Hill, secretary of the board of education from 1894—1903, said: "Making children use worn and unclean books is as bad as making them wear soiled and ragged clothes. It saves a few dollars, no doubt, to squeeze another year's use out of overworked text books; but what about the pupils loss of interest in such books? What about his offended aesthetic sense? What about the germs of disease, even, that extreme carelessness here begets? There are losses here, realized and threatened, beside which the money saving, looks paltry and mean."

All the new books should be covered to insure greater cleanliness, healthfulness and longer wear. This can be done for about one-third of a cent per book.

COURSE OF STUDY.

Although a definite course of study has been pursued heretofore, there is none now used in printed form. This seriously handicaps a teacher, especially one with little or no experience. A course in history for all grades below the High school has been distributed to the teachers; also a partial course in geography. Other outlines are to follow.

EDUCATIONAL PERIODICALS.

I suggest that a small sum of money be used for subscriptions to leading educational periodicals for the benefit of the teachers; these to be circulated according to some fixed plan, and then bound and placed on file. This would help to broaden the views of all, and ought to increase professional spirit and teaching. The requisite amount of money could be taken from the Massachusetts School Fund and not from the town appropriation.

In conclusion I wish to thank the teachers and committee for their loyalty and support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES A. HARRIS.

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